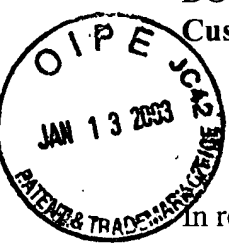


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This Reply responds to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application. The September 5, 2002 Office Action has a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on December 5, 2002. The Applicant is submitting herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the shortened statutory period of response by one month to January 5, 2003. Since January 5, 2003 is a Sunday, the shortened statutory period of response will be extended to January 6, 2003.